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[1](#)1. (U) This is an action message. Please see
paragraph three.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Amcit Farhan Bakir, a prominent doctor in

the UAE (he is the personal physician of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Shaykh Khalifa bin Zayid Al-Nahyan and served in a similar capacity to a number of Saddam Hussein's predecessors), met with PolChief 4/21 to ask how Iraqi expat doctors could be integrated into the ongoing relief effort in Iraq. Bakir is well known in Iraqi expat political circles, having been invited to serve on the medical committee focus group which met in Washington. A cardio-pulmonary specialist, he said that he is in contact with a number of fellow expat Iraqi doctors, many of them American citizens living in the UAE, who would like to volunteer to travel to Iraq to help the humanitarian effort. These doctors speak Arabic, are familiar with the Iraqi health system, and would be available to deploy on short notice. We estimate that there are at least ten doctors who would be available for this activity, possibly more. Bakir asked for guidance on modalities and perceived usefulness of such an effort, before proceeding further with it.

13. (SBU) COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST: We believe that Bakir's group could provide meaningful assistance. They realize that Baghdad may be becoming saturated and would be willing to serve elsewhere, particularly in Southern Iraq. Beyond the very real practical benefit that these doctors could provide, the optics of our facilitating this effort strike us as highly beneficial. We would appreciate guidance from the appropriate addressees as to how we should respond to Bakir's inquiry.

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